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To:

All WO Officials, State Directors, State Office Lands Program Leads,

All District and Field Office Managers, Attn: Training Officers

From:

Acting Director, National Training Center

Subject:

Newly Designed, National Lands Training for Line Officers

and Program Managers Course - Nomination Registration

DD: **08/01/2014** (Registration)

Program Area: Lands and Realty.

Purpose: The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum (IM) is to request nominations and provide information for the newly redesigned Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Forest Service (FS) National Lands Training for Line Officers and Program Managers Course, 2000-23 (NLT). The class is limited to 100 participants, consisting of approximately 50 participants per agency.

Policy/Action: The joint BLM/USFS NLT course will be held October 20 through 23, 2014, at the BLM, National Training Center (NTC), in Phoenix, Arizona. The primary objectives of this course are to provide line officers and lands program managers with an understanding of the concepts and principles unique to land and realty management responsibilities and to enhance competency in application of lands policies and procedures. This redesigned course offers MULTIPLE interactive breakout sessions and pertinent case studies in the areas of Land Tenure, Rights-of-Ways, Access and Boundary Management. Hot topics such as Regional Mitigation, Energy Development, and Transmission will be discussed. Time will be dedicated in each topical session to discuss the management decision space, how to avoid common pitfalls and how to manage risk effectively. The BLM and USFS offer this course jointly to strengthen the lands and realty missions of both agencies.

Timeframe: Individuals interested in attending this course must register before August 1, 2014, through DOILEARN https://doilearn.doi.gov/. DOILEARN will put all registrants in a "waiting list" status.

The Washington Office and the NTC will review the nominations and send final selection notifications to the participants in late August 2014. The notification will provide information regarding meals, lodging, and transportation.

Budget Impact: There is no tuition charge for this course. Travel and per diem is to be paid by the participant's home office.

Background: This course has been delivered for many years jointly by the BLM and FS. Recent needs assessments and representative focus groups revealed that the course content needed to be changed to meet current needs of the target audience and the management challenges. The goal of the redesign was to provide participants with clear course objectives, more opportunity for interactive learning, clear connections to how they can use this information in the course of their jobs, and job aids to assist them after training is completed. The newly redesigned course offers topical sessions which provide a manager the basic tools needed to resolve lands actions as well as opportunities to interact with other managers from across the nation. Sessions will be co-taught by practitioners and managers. A currently active agency manager will provide "real world" examples or scenarios to during each session. There will be opportunities for asking questions at the close of each topical session.

Course Goal: By the end of this course, participants will be able to make sound, legal decisions relating to lands actions in their unit or office.

Target Audience: All BLM state and field level managers and supervisors as well as program managers with lands and realty responsibilities.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None.

Contacts: If you have any questions, the BLM NTC Training Coordinator for this course is Mary Jo Yoas. Please contact her at (602) 906-5533 or myoas@blm.gov.

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